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METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF GEOTEXTILES FROM MELT-SPUN FIBERS

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$360.00 charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975 on February 27, 2006. The fee code given indicates it was for multiple dependent claims and the applicants assert it is incorrect.

The Preliminary Amendment filed on November 8, 2005 with the English translation of the application was apparently overlooked. The amendment (copy enclosed) deleted all multiple dependencies and therefore, no additional charges should have been incurred.

Kindly credit the refund of \$360.00 to the deposit account of undersigned, no. 23-0975. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kara Reade, Accounting Assistant, at (202) 721-8226.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEES

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Sir:

In the interest of reducing PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method for the production of geotextiles of melt-spun filaments through hydrodynamic intertwining, characterized in that wherein the melt-spun filaments are deposited onto a continuous screen band, are transported on this screen band through the first curing stage, wherein the filaments additionally during the entire process are fixed through suction zones on the screen band and in this manner are already sufficiently cured in the first curing stage, such that the transport free of disturbance without a transport band is possible.
2. (Currently Amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the screen band is guided through all curing stages.
3. (Currently Amended) Method as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that in claim 1 wherein the suction zones an underpressure of 1 to 100 mbar is applied.
4. (Currently Amended) Method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that claim 1 wherein the mesh size of the screen band is $1\text{-}8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ if the curing takes place through the screen band.
5. (Currently Amended) Method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that claim 1 wherein the mesh width of the screen band is $10\text{-}100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ if the screen band serves as a support.
6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for the production of geotextiles of melt-spun filaments, characterized in that wherein beneath the deposition apparatus is guided a screen band, to which suction zones are applied and the screen band is guided up to the first curing device.
7. (Currently Amended) Geotextiles produced according to a method as claimed in claims 1-4 claim 1.

REMARKS

The above amendment is presented to reduce PTO filing fees and eliminate various informalities.

A second Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed as well as copies of references cited in the International Search Report.

Favorable action is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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